



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: High Horse Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-085433 and Forest Practices Application No. 2920691. This is a variable retention harvest of 63 acres in 2 units, with 1013 feet of construction and 16,583 feet of pre-haul maintenance.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Approximately 0.5 acres of the original proposal were excluded from the harvest area due to potentially unstable slopes.
- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 190 feet wide on type 3 streams and a minimum 100-foot RMZ along type 4 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Sections 14 and 24, Township 07 North, Range 01 East, W.M., approximately 14 miles by road, east of Kalama, off the 6200 road systems in Cowlitz County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from April 2, 2010. Comments must be submitted by April 16, 2010.

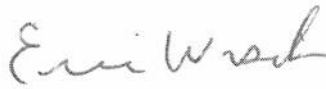
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There is no agency SEPA appeal.